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Attached please find a letter in support of the settlement reached in November.

Thank you.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my support of the Microsoft anti-trust settlement that was reached back in early November, and I am relieved to see this old dispute finally come to an end.

Microsoft has pledged to share more information with other companies and give consumers more choices. Microsoft will design future versions of Windows to make it easier to install non-Microsoft software, and Microsoft cannot strike back against companies that take advantage of that. In fact, the settlement stipulates that licensing agreements for the top 20 hardware firms must be on equal terms, except for volume discounts.

This settlement will not only make it easier to conduct business for Microsoft competitors, but it will also allow this company to move forward. This settlement will benefit all. Thank you for settling with Microsoft, and I urge you to use your influence to appeal to the states that have not yet settled as well, including Florida.

Sincerely,

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CC: Representative Ric Keller

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